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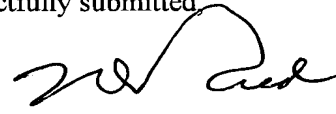
Claim 43 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-42 and 43-48 are in the Application.

Support for new Claims 45-48 is found in the specification and specifically in claims 1 and 17 in their unamended form. Support for the amendments in Claim 1 is found in the Application, specifically at pages 8-13.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

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# AMENDMENTS SHOWING CHANGES

## 1. A fabric care composition comprising:

- (A) an effective amount, for an unconcentrated, ready-to-use fabric care composition, preferably from 0.001% to 20%, more preferably from 0.01% to 10%, even more preferably from 0.1% to 5%, most preferably from 0.1% to 1%, by weight said fabric care composition, or for concentrated fabric care compositions, preferably from 1% to 99%, more preferably from 1% to 40%, even more preferably from 1% to 25%, and most preferably from 2% to 15%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of fabric improving active, [preferably] comprising oligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 1 to 15, and wherein each monomer is selected from the group consisting of saccharide containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, mixtures thereof, substituted versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, derivatised versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, and mixtures thereof, for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal and/or reduction, fabric wear reduction, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction.

[(i) oligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 1 to 15, and wherein each monomer is selected from the group consisting of saccharide containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, more preferably comprising isomaltooligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 2 to 10, wherein the glucose units are linked by  $\alpha$ -and/or  $\beta$ -linkages, even more preferably comprising isomaltooligosaccharides, contain from 3 to 7 glucose units which are linked by 1,2- $\alpha$ ; 1,3- $\alpha$ ; 1,4- $\alpha$ -; and 1,6- $\alpha$ -linkages, and mixtures of these linkages; and/or

(ii) oligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 1 to 15, and wherein each monomer is selected from the group consisting of saccharide containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, more preferably oligosaccharides selected from the group consisting of isomaltose, isomaltotriose, isomaltotetraose,

isomaltooligosaccharide, fructooligosaccharide, levooligosaccharides, galactooligosaccharide, xylooligosaccharide, gentiooligosaccharides, disaccharides, glucose, fructose, galactose, xylose, mannose, arabinose, rhamnose, maltose, sucrose, lactose, maltulose, ribose, lyxose, allose, altrose, gulose, idose, talose, trehalose, nigerose, kojibiose, lactulose, oligosaccharides, maltooligosaccharides, trisaccharides, tetrasaccharides, pentasaccharides, hexasaccharides, oligosaccharides from partial hydrolysates of natural polysaccharide sources, and mixtures thereof,

for providing a fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal and/or reduction, fabric wear reduction, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction[, said fabric improving active being selected from the group consisting of oligosaccharides, oligosaccharide mixtures, substituted versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, derivatised versions of said oligosaccharides and/or mixtures, and mixtures thereof];

- (B) optionally, to remove and/or reduce wrinkles, an effective amount of adjunct wrinkle control agent, preferably a copolymer of hydrophilic monomers and hydrophobic monomers, selected from the group consisting of fiber lubricant (preferably a silicone), shape retention polymer (preferably from 0.05% to 10% by weight of the fabric care composition, of a shape retention polymer which is a homopolymer and/or a copolymer, preferably a copolymer of hydrophilic monomers and hydrophobic monomers, preferably having a hydrophobic monomer/hydrophilic monomer ratio of from 95:5 to 20:80, by weight of the copolymer), lithium salts (preferably from 0.1% to 10% by weight of the usage composition, of lithium salt, or hydrate thereof, selected from the group consisting of: lithium bromide, lithium lactate, lithium chloride, lithium tartrate, lithium bitartrate, and mixtures thereof), and mixtures thereof;
- (C) optionally, to reduce surface tension, and/or to improve performance and formulatability, an effective amount of surfactant;
- (D) optionally, an effective amount to absorb malodor, of odor control agent, preferably from 0.01% to 5%, preferably from 0.1% to 4%, more preferably

from 0.5% to 2%, by weight of the usage composition, of an odor control agent selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrin, zinc salt, copper salt, water soluble carbonate salt, water soluble bicarbonate salt, water soluble anionic polymer, and mixtures thereof;

- (E) optionally, an effective amount to provide olfactory effects of perfume;
- (F) optionally, an effective amount, to kill, or reduce the growth of microbes, of antimicrobial active;
- (G) optionally, an effective amount, to provide improved antimicrobial action, of aminocarboxylate chelator;
- (H) optionally, an effective amount of antimicrobial preservative, in addition to, or in place of said antimicrobial active; and
- (I) optionally, an aqueous carrier,

said composition optionally being essentially free of any material that would soil or stain fabric under usage conditions.

6. (Amended) The composition of [any of] Claim[s] 1[-5] additionally containing at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active, antibacterial preservative, chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, antioxidant, static control agent, fabric softening active, suds suppressor, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixing agent, soil release agent, brightener, dispersant, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or liquid carrier.

7. (Amended) A fabric care composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-6] which is a rinse-added composition containing from 0.1% to 50%, preferably from 1% to 35%, more preferably from 2% to 18%, and even more preferably from 3% to 10%, by weight of the composition, of said fabric improving active, and optionally containing fabric softener active at a level of from 1% to 75%, preferably from 2% to 65%, more preferably from 3% to 45%, and even more preferably from 4% to 35%, by weight of the composition.

9. (Amended) The fabric care composition of Claim[s] 8 [or 9] additionally containing at least an effective amount of at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chlorine scavenging agent, soil release agent, chemical stabilizer including antioxidant, silicone, antimicrobial active and/or preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, colorant, enzyme, brightener, liquid carrier, or mixtures thereof.

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10. (Amended) A fabric care composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-6] which is a laundry detergent composition containing from 0.2% to 30% by weight of the composition, of said fabric improving active and from 0.1% to 60% by weight of the composition, of surfactant, and additionally containing at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, builder, bleaching agent, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, brightener, dispersant, heavy metal chelating agent, enzyme, suds suppressor, fabric softening agent, soil release agent, and/or liquid carrier.

12. (Amended) A fabric care composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-6] which is an aqueous composition to apply to fabric in the drying step, containing said fabric improving active at a level of from 0.01% to 25%, preferably from 0.1% to 10%, more preferably from 0.2% to 5%, even more preferably from 0.3% to 3%, by weight of the compositions, and optionally containing fabric softener active at a level of from 0.05% to 10%, preferably from 0.1% to 7%, more preferably from 0.5% to 5%, by weight of the composition.

13. (Amended) A fabric care composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-6] which is a dryer-added fabric softening composition containing said fabric improving active at a level of from 0.01% to 40%, preferably from 0.1% to 20%, more preferably from 1% to 10%, by weight of the composition, and fabric softener active at a level of from 1% to 99%, preferably from 10% to 80%, more preferably from 20% to 70%, and even more preferably from 25% to 60%, by weight of the composition.

14. (Amended) The fabric care composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 10[-13] additionally containing at least an effective amount of at least one of the following adjunct materials: perfume, chlorine scavenging agent, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chemical stabilizer including antioxidant, silicone, antimicrobial active and/or preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, brightener, enzyme, soil release agent, liquid carrier, or mixtures thereof.

17. (Amended) An article of Claim 15, wherein said package comprises [manufacture comprising the composition of Claim 1 in] a spray dispenser[, preferably comprising a trigger spray device or a non-manually operated spray dispenser, preferably said composition is an aqueous composition containing from 0.1% to 5%, preferably from 0.1% to 2%, by weight of said composition, of said fabric improving active].

19. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to [any of] Claim[s] 15[-18] wherein said composition additionally contains at least one of the following adjunct materials:

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perfume, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active, antibacterial preservative, metal chelating agent including aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, static control agent, fabric softening active, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixing agent, soil release agent, brightener, antioxidant, suds suppressor, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or liquid carrier.

20. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to [any of] Claim[s] 17[-19] in association with instructions for use to direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition and/or said fabric improving active to said fabric, to provide said fabric with at least one of the following fabric care benefits: wrinkle removal and/or reduction, fabric wear reduction, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color maintenance, fabric color restoration, fabric soiling reduction, fabric shape retention, and/or fabric shrinkage reduction, preferably wherein the instructions for use direct the consumer to apply an amount of composition to provide from 0.005% to 4%, preferably from 0.01% to 2%, more preferably from 0.05% to 1% of fabric improving active, by weight of the fabric, more preferably wherein the instructions for use direct the consumer to apply the composition to the fabric in combination with stretching and/or smoothing of fabric, to provide effective wrinkle removal.

25. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition [according to any] of Claim[s] 1[-6, 10 and 11] which is a laundry detergent composition, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide the fabric care benefits.

26. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition [according to any] of Claim[s] 1[-9] which is a rinse additive composition, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide said fabric care benefits.

27. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition [according to any] of Claim[s] 1[-6, 12 and 13] to apply to fabric in the drying step, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said composition to said fabric to provide said fabric care benefits.

28. (Amended) The article [according to any] of Claim[s] 15[-16 and 20-27] wherein said instructions for use include pictures and/or icons.

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29. (Amended) Fabric, preferably a cellulosic fabric, more preferably selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, ramie, jute, flax, linen, polynosic-fibers, polyester/cotton blends, and mixtures thereof, most preferably selected from the group consisting of cotton, rayon, linen, polyester/cotton blends, other cotton blends, and mixtures thereof, having improved characteristics having an effective amount of fabric improving active attached hereto, preferably wherein said fabric comprises from 0.005% to 4%, preferably from 0.01% to 2%, more preferably from 0.1% to 1%, by weight of the fabric of said fabric care composition of Claim 1[improving active].

31. (Amended) A method for providing a fabric with a fabric care benefit selected from the group consisting of: wrinkle removal and/or reduction, fabric wear reduction, fabric pilling reduction, fabric color fading reduction, fabric soiling reduction, fabric shape retention, fabric shrinkage reduction and mixtures thereof, wherein said method comprises contacting said fabric with an effective amount of the fabric improving active, preferably wherein said fabric improving active is provided by an aqueous composition containing from 0.1% to 5%, preferably from 0.005% to 4%, more preferably 0.01% to 2%, and even more preferably from 0.1% to 1%, by weight of said fabric care composition, of said fabric improving active, wherein said fabric improving active is provided by using the fabric care composition [according to any] of Claim[s] 1[-14], preferably wherein said fabric care composition additionally comprises at least one of the following adjunct fabric care materials: perfume, fiber lubricant, shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, surfactant, antimicrobial active, antibacterial preservative, aminocarboxylate chelating agent, enzyme, static control agent, fabric softening agent, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixing agent, soil release agent, brightener, antioxidant, suds suppressor, insect repelling agent, moth repelling agent, and/or liquid carrier.

39. (Amended) The method according to Claim 37 [or 38] wherein said composition additionally contains at least one of the following adjunct materials: static control agent, distributing agent, perfume, fiber lubricant, adjunct shape retention polymer, lithium salt, odor control agent including cyclodextrin, dye transfer inhibiting agent, dye fixative agent, chlorine scavenging agent, soil release agent, brightener, heavy metal chelating agent, enzyme, antimicrobial active, antibacterial preservative, aminocarboxylate chelating agent, antioxidant, and/or liquid carrier.

40. (Amended) A method for removing fabric wrinkles by treating said fabric with the composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-14].

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41. (Amended) A method for reducing fabric wear by treating said fabric with the composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-14].

42. A method for providing fabric color care benefits selected from the group consisting of fabric color maintenance, fabric color fading reduction, fabric color restoration, and mixtures thereof, by treating said color fabric with an effective amount of the composition according to [any of] Claim[s] 1[-14].

44. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising the composition [according to any] of Claim[s] 1[-14] to be applied directly to a garment in a manner such that excessive amounts of the fabric care composition are prevented from being released to the open environment, packaged in association with instructions for use which direct the consumer to apply at least an effective amount of said fabric improving active to said garment in said manner to provide said fabric care benefits, preferably comprising from 0.01% to 2% of fabric improving active, by weight of the composition.

#### New Claims

45. The composition of claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharides comprise isomaltooligosaccharides with a degree of polymerization of from 2 to 10, wherein the glucose units are linked by  $\alpha$ -and/or  $\beta$ -linkages.

46. The composition of claim 45, wherein the isomaltooligosaccharides comprise from 3 to 7 glucose units which are linked by 1,2- $\alpha$ ; 1,3- $\alpha$ ; 1,4- $\alpha$ -; and 1,6- $\alpha$ -linkages, and mixtures thereof.

47. The composition of claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharides are selected from the group consisting of isomaltose, isomaltotriose, isomaltotetraose, isomaltooligosaccharide, fructooligosaccharide, levoooligosaccharides, galactooligosaccharide, xylooligosaccharide, gentiooligosaccharides, disaccharides, glucose, fructose, galactose, xylose, mannose, arabinose, rhamnose, maltose, sucrose, lactose, maltulose, ribose, lyxose, allose, altrose, gulose, idose, talose, trehalose, nigerose, kojibiose, lactulose, oligosaccharides, maltooligosaccharides, trisaccharides, tetrasaccharides, pentasaccharides, hexasaccharides, oligosaccharides from partial hydrolysates of natural polysaccharide sources, and mixtures thereof.

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48. The article of Claim 17, wherein the spray dispenser comprises a trigger spray device or a non-manually operated spray dispenser, preferably said composition is an aqueous composition containing from 0.1% to 5%, preferably from 0.1% to 2%, by weight of said composition, of said fabric improving active.

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